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SUBJECT Possibilities for Ford Foundation in Libya

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During luncheon at the Palace in Tobruk on April 23, I spoke to the King of my conversations with Dr. ANAIZI, Governor of the National Bank of Libya, regarding the Ford Foundation and its possible interest in Libya. I said that I had left a copy of the Foundation's 1959 report with Dr. Anaizi with the suggestion that he consider the possibility of requesting the Foundation's help in certain fields in Libya. I described the Foundation's recent and relatively limited activities outside the United States, primarily in Southeast Asia and the Middle East. They centered mainly in the fields of education, research and economic planning. I added that the Foundation did not take the initiative in offering its assistance to a country, but rather waited to be invited to do so. The King seemed interested and asked (1) what Dr. Anaizi had replied; and (2) whether an invitation from the National Bank would be sufficient or whether the Foundation would prefer an invitation from the Government.

With respect to the first question, I replied that Dr. Anaizi had assured me he was consulting various Libyan officials, including the Minister of Education, and hoped to be able to report positive action on my suggestion shortly. With respect to the second, I said that an invitation from the Federal Government would, I thought, be preferable.

The King said that education in Libya seemed to be progressing satisfactorily, but that Libya did need help in economic planning.

There was some discussion of the Ford Motor Company, its local agent and its sales in Libya. To ensure that the King was not confusing this commercial activity with the interest of the Ford Foundation in Libya, I explained the difference between the two, and the philanthropic activities of the Ford family since the creation of the great fortune by Henry Ford, Sr.

The King seemed genuinely interested in the possibility of the Ford Foundation's activity in Libya. I shall pursue the subject with

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Dr. Anaizi. The Acting Director of USOM, Mr. Berenson, will also suggest to Mr. Shaglouf, rumored to be the Chairman of the new Libyan Economic Development Council, the possibility of calling upon the Ford Foundation for help in finding foreign experts to staff his new economic planning and development organization.

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